

NORTHEAST AND YORKSHIRE PUBLIC ESTATE DECARBONISATION UPDATE: OCTOBER 2026

The North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub's dedicated programme supports the regional public sector to reduce energy costs and carbon emissions from their buildings.

The national decarbonisation support programme has now completed and from the beginning of October the Hub is providing a focussed programme developing Local Authority estate decarbonisation pipelines and investigating how public estate pipeline development can be structured at Combined Authority level. Further information will be distributed shortly.

Welcome to our newsletter

In this newsletter, we will be providing updates on our:

- Work with local authorities in the North East and Yorkshire.
- Energy audits for local authorities
- Public estate mapping project.
- Schools support
- Recordings of our recent online workshops
- Future events

UPDATES

Local Authorities

Resources and case studies

We've refreshed our section of the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub website to include new resources.

These include a list of sources of support with public estate decarbonisation and case studies of our work with what the NEY Public Estate Decarbonisation programme looks like in practice through our work with Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton local authorities.

You can find the resources [here](#).

APSE Energy Audits

The North East and Yorkshire Public Estate Decarbonisation programme has worked with APSE Energy to complete five energy reduction and decarbonisation audits for the region, which include a variety of building archetypes. These are available on our website now:

- [Town Hall](#)
- [Leisure Centre](#)
- [Crematorium](#)
- [School Nursery](#)
- [Care Home](#)

The Local Net Zero Hubs will once again be co-producing the APSE Big Energy Summit next February. The conference will once again include the APSE Energy Awards, which includes a category for public estate decarbonisation. You can enter the awards [here](#).

Spatial Mapping of Local Authority Buildings

We have mapped the public sector buildings for each of our local authority areas, highlighting solar PV suitability and capacity. This includes the opportunity to validate and cleanse publicly available data for five pilot Local Authorities. This can support with planning and decision making for councils.

The output of this are searchable HTML maps. If you would like to receive a copy of the HTML map for your Local Authority area, please email NEYPED@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

Local Authority Working Group with Sustainable Smart Technologies

In our latest meeting for our Local Authority Working Group, we were joined by Niamh Allen from Sustainable Smart Technologies to discuss Energy Management Systems, and how they generate cost and carbon savings.



Schools

We've produced a resource pack for schools full of advice aimed at helping them improve the energy efficiency of their buildings, which you can [download from our website](#).

A recording of our schools' workshop on rooftop solar potential, delivered with Let's Go Zero, can be found below.

Solar for Schools provides a map-based interface with data and insights on the solar energy potential of schools. This provides an estimated high level indicative solar generation potential of individual school buildings.

You can sign up to the Solar for Schools software [here](#). To access the portfolio of schools for your local authority boundary, please contact [Tom Darby](#).



Renewal and Retrofit programme PPA pilot

The Department for Education is piloting a Power Purchase agreement with up to 150 schools and colleges as part of the first phase of its [renewal and retrofit programme](#). Schools have been pre-selected by DfE, and they have directly contacted 300 schools and 165 of the responsible bodies to invite them to take part, with a response required by October 16th. Where these schools are managed by a Local Authority, they will have had a letter from DfE directly informing them of any schools in their area that are eligible to apply for the pilot

NHS

A recording of our online workshop on building management systems for the NHS can be found below.



We also held a workshop helping NHS trusts with future planning for energy efficiency improvements, heat decarbonisation and clean energy generation across their estates and buildings, which you can see below.



EVENTS

Local Authority Working Group – In Person Session (October 7th, 2pm, Leeds)

As part of our ongoing local authority support, we will be hosting an in-person session of our Local Authority estate decarbonisation working group, to enhance collaboration and information sharing across the region. This session will be a collaborative workshop with

peers from local authorities to share key lessons learned and discuss opportunities for quick wins in terms of building, energy management and project selection.

Please email NEYPED@westyorks-ca.gov.uk if you would like to receive more information.

For more information about Hub support for Public Estate Decarbonisation please contact enquiries@neynetzerohub.com. More information about the work of the team can be found [here](#).